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AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VISAS FOR LENINGRAD TDY PERSONNEL

REF: MOSCOW 12496

1. SOVIET EMBASSY CONSULAR OFFICIAL ADVISED DEPARTMENT SEPTEMBER 4 THAT VISAS FOR THREE INDIVIDUALS BEING ASSIGNED TO LENINGRAD ON TDY (COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIANS MATHEW WALKAWICZ AND MAURICE DUNIGAN; AND C-B JOHN RUFINO) WOULD BE ISSUED ONLY IN TWENTY-ONE DAYS. SOVIET OFFICIAL SAID EMBASSY MOSCOW HOLDS VISAS FOR SAN FRANCISCO CONGEN FOR THREE WEEKS AND THAT SOVIET ACTION REPRESENTED RECIPROCAL TREATMENT. NO SUGGESTION WAS MADE THAT ACTION WAS LINKED TO DEPARTMENT'S REFUSAL AUTHORIZE VISAS FOR THREE PROPOSED ADDITIONAL STAFFERS FOR SAN FRANCISCO CONGEN.

2. FOURTH TDY APPLICATION SUBMITTED TWO DAYS BEFORE RUFFINO'S (THAT OF C-B W.S. CRANE III) NOT MENTIONED, BUT VISA NOT ISSUED BY SEPTEMBER 8, STATED DATE OF DEPARTURE
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3. COMMENT: SOVIET REFUSAL ISSUE AYER VISA AND DELAYING ACTION ON SUBJECT TDY REQUESTS SEEM INTENDED HIGHLIGHT

OUR VULNERABILITY TO RETALIATION. HOWEVER, APPARENT DECISION NOT TURN DOWN REQUESTS FOR RUFINO ET AL., SUGGESTS SOVIETS PROCEEDING WITH CAUTION. KISSINGER

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